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1. Since December 1949 several Soviet submarines and other war vessels have been calling regularly at Tsingtao and Shihao (122-25, 36-53). Soviet naval personnel always land at Shihao when the ships call.
2. During February 1950 a Soviet war vessel brought construction materials for military installations to Tsingtao.
3. In mid-February 1950 a Hong Kong firm made a shipment valued at US \$200,000 directly to Tsingtao of liquid oxygen and heavy nitro compound (sic) in large quantities. The orders were placed with the firm in October 1949 by a North China agent and were filled by companies in Czechoslovakia and Western Germany.*
4. During the first week in April 1950 the police raided all houses in Tsingtao, searching for radio transmitters and for receivers including beat frequency oscillators.
5. The more than 40 amphibious tanks used in Communist troop training in Tsingtao are not Japanese** but are American amphibious tractors.

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